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"(b) Seven thousand five hundred and fifty-three bales were allotted to the trade channels for distribution to weavers outside the co-operative fold, in addition to the free yarn available with mills.

"(c) The present quota fixed by Textile Commissioner under running release is 17,000 bales inclusive of free yarn sales allowed in respect of foreign cotton yarn and one-third of Indian cotton yarn.

"(d) This Government have already addressed the Government of India in the matter."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—"Are the Government aware of the fact that handloom weavers are unable to purchase even these small quantities of yarn due to the continuous slump in handloom cloth trade and may I ask how the Government propose to give immediate relief to the handloom weavers?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"Sir, the Government are aware of the slump in the trade. As the hon. Member knows, the Government have got a relief scheme by which the weavers are encourager to join primary co-operatives and take yarn, and also take a small fee for the work they do, and get relief."

Production of cotton yarn in the State.

* 322 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of bales of cotton yarn produced in Madras State;

(b) the number of bales allotted for handlooms;

(c) the number of handloom weavers in the State; and

(d) the approximate yardage woven by these handloom workers each year?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"(a) Forty-three thousand seven hundred and twelve bales (of 400 lbs. each) were produced in July 1952.

"(b) Ten thousand seventy-nine bales were allotted to handlooms in Madras State during the same month and in addition a good portion of the free yarn sales by mills would also have gone to feed the handlooms.

"(c) There are 885,957 handlooms in the State according to rough calculations, and probably double that number of weavers.

"(d) Approximately 400 million yards."

Expenditure on the Grow More Food Campaign in Malabar district.

* 323 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the amount spent on Grow More Food Campaign in Malabar district from 1943 to March 1952 in each year; and

(b) the increase in the acreage of paddy crop as a result of the campaign and the quantity of increase in paddy harvest?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The answer[a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know, Sir, whether the increase shown in columns 3 and 4 of the statement placed on the table of the House is in relation to the previous year, or is it the total increase with respect to the year 1943–44? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The inrrease shown for the year 1943–44 evidently refers to the accumulated increase for that year and the previous year."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that paddy harvest is decreasing sharply, year by year will the Government consider the question of taking up new schemes under the Grow More Food Campaign and allot more funds for the same? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Arrangements are made to supply fertilizers in large quantities in order to increase paddy yield in Malabar."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, I have not made myself understood. What I wanted the Hon. Minister to tell us was whether the increase, for instance, of 72,004 acres shown against the year 1950–51 was an increase over and above the 46,475 acres shown against the year 1949–50? Does every entry refer to 1943–44? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" It refers to the year in which the expenditure was incurred."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—" ప్రభుత్వంవారిచ్చిన వివరాలనుబట్టి అరవైలక్షల రూపాయలు ఖర్చుపెట్టి ముప్పైలక్షలు కిమ్మతు చేసే ధాన్యాన్ని పండించారుగదా ! ఈ స్కీము అమలు పరచటంలో వచ్చిన ఫలితాలు అంతా ప్రభుత్వముయొక్క అసమర్థతను తెలియజేస్తున్నదా ? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Some of the expenditure was incurred by the P.W.D. on small irrigation works and things like that. So the actual increase cannot be seen here."

Assignment of land to a political sufferer in Kaikalur taluk, Krishna district.

* 324 Q.—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether R.S. No. 226 of Vaivaka village of Kaikalur taluk, Krishna district, was granted to any political sufferer and if so, when and under what grounds of G.O. No. 1523;

(b) who was the original cultivator of the R.S. number and from which year he was in occupation and cultivation of the same; and

[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 263 infra.